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AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MNUC, PFOR, AR, BR

SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY CHIEF DENIES ARGENTINA WILL

DEVELOP WEAPONS CAPABILITY

1. CAPT. PEDRO IRAOLAGOITIA (RET.) HEAD OF THE NATIONAL  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEA) STATED IN A REPORT RELEASED BY  
THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY ON MAY 28 THAT ARGENTINA HAS NO PLANS  
AND IS NOT IN CONDITION TO DEVELOP AN ATOMIC BOMB. HE FURTHER  
THATATED THAT SPECULATION TO THE CONTRARY CAUSED ENORMOUS DAMAGE  
TO THE COUNTRY AND CREATED RESISTANCE IN OTHER P TIONS TO

LENDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA. HE HADDED THAT THERE  
HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS ESPECIALLY FROM THE U.S. WHICH OVER-  
ESTIMATE ARGENTINE CAPACITY AND POTENTIAL IN THIS AREA.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JUST AFTER STATEMENT APPEARED,  
FONMIN OFFICIALS MAINTAINED THAT IRAOLAGOITIA'S REMARKS REPRE-  
SENTED NOTHING NEW; RATHER THEY SIMPLY REITERATED WHAT HAS ALL  
ALONG BEEN GOA'S POSITION. THESE OFFICIALS INSISTED, AS THEY  
HAVE IN THE PAST, THAT THE ONLY REASON ARGENTINA WOULD DEVELOP  
THE BOMB WOULD BE IN RESPONSE TO AN ATTEMPT BY BRAZIL TO DO SO.

3. ARGENTINE SUSPICIONS ABOUT AJAZILIAN INTENTIONS, HOWDER,  
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WILL NOT BE EASED BY A UPI STORY FROM WASHINGTON CARRIED

HERE JUNE 2 UNDER HEADLINE "BRAZIL NEXT TO JOIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS CLUB?" IT BEGINS, "BRAZIL ISI, THE VERGE OF RQTTING IFMM WEST GERMANY THE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION NEEDED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY"

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES UPI STORY IS AN EXAGGERATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR AMEMBASSY BRASILIA CAN PROVIDE WHICH WILL HELP US TO CONVINCE ARGINTINES THAT IT IS NOT ACCURATE.

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